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Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re:

Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for a Proceeding to Address the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's Regulations Governing Telephone Utilities That Should Be Amended, Modified, or Repealed to Comply with Act No. 175

PSC Docket No.: 2005-347-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On October 26, 2005, the Office of Regulatory Staff filed a letter and suggested certain regulatory changes to Article 6 of the Commission's regulations in order to comply with Act 175 of 2004 which established the above referenced docket. Subsequently, the Commission presented its changes and issued a directive making the Commission's amendments available for public comment until December 1, 2005.

As ORS provided and explained its amendments in its initial communication, ORS does not have further recommendations or comments. Additionally, ORS would restate that its recommended changes are the result of collaborative discussions between ORS and several telephone companies. As such, ORS reiterates its position that the proposal "represents a fair initial step in a revision of the Commission's existing regulations that is needed in order to conform the regulations to current law and practice in the telecommunications area."

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Benjamin P. Mustian